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Game at Sunrise changes teen's life



Before suffering a career-ending leg injury Sept. 24 in Bel Aire, McLouth High School senior Trevor Roberts had a goal to play college football.



Courtesy photos

Trevor Roberts (front center) is adjusting to life walking with a prosthetic after having part of his leg amputated in early October. Roberts broke the leg in a Sept. 24 game at Sunrise Christian Academy. A week later, gangrene set in, leaving doctors no choice but to amputate.

McLouth senior recovering after amputation

By Matt Heilman

For McLouth High School senior Trevor Roberts, a trip to Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire changed his life.

During a Sept. 24 football game at Sunrise, Roberts suffered a compound fracture to his left leg.

The wide receiver's leg planted on the field as a Sunrise defender tackled him in the first half of Sunrise's 52-40 win.

Six days after the accident, Roberts' injury was made worse when gangrene infection set in. By this time, he had returned home to McLouth, a small town near Lawrence.

Doctors at Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kan., had to amputate the leg just above the knee to save his life.

Through four surgeries and learning how to get around on his first prosthetic, Roberts said maintaining a positive attitude gets him through. He said he realized that lying around and feeling sorry for himself wouldn't accomplish anything.

Roberts visited a surgeon in mid November and had the last of his stitches removed, marking the end of the surgeries.

His guardian, Jerrad Humerickhouse, said the senior is going back to school part time and is getting around well on a starter prosthetic.



Trevor Roberts recovers in a Kansas City hospital, days after doctors had to amputate part of his left leg. His room is decorated with well-wishes signed by students.

Initially, Roberts wasn't to receive his first prosthetic until after the New Year. However, he was fitted for the prosthetic ahead of schedule after he was hospitalized for about one

week in October to combat a medication that was attacking his kidneys. Thankfully, there was no permanent damage to Roberts' kidneys, Humerickhouse said.

"He's doing great," Humerickhouse said. "Even the prosthetic guys are impressed with what he's doing."

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Bel Aire's financial outlook less grim

Mayor delivers hopeful news

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire is going to make it. That was one message Mayor Harold Smith delivered to the city council Nov. 16. Discussing the city's long-term plan to meet its obligations with land debt, he said the city is on track to make every payment.

"The bottom line is, the schedule shows that if we can meet some reasonable deadlines on land sales, the city will be able to pay off debt," Smith said. "This may take 25 to 30 years to accomplish, but it can be done."

He said the city's reasonable expectation to pay off its heavy debt should reassure potential developers in Bel Aire.

Tierra Verde near 47th North and Webb Road is geared to play a significant role in Bel Aire. The multimillion-dollar commercial development has seen encouraging progress over the last several months in its first phase of 77 acres.

In the near future, engineers are expected to install the roughly \$3 million worth of infrastructure Bel Aire has dedicated for Tierra Verde. At the Nov. 16 meeting, the council tabled a decision on a contract with an engineering firm for water, sewer, stormwater and streets in the development.

The holdup is that Smith and the council would like to see a clarification of wording in the contract that calls for a liability exemption in the infrastructure's design phase.

Before making the decision to table the contract, Lasher assured the council that delaying a motion until December won't slow the schedule for Tierra Verde.

Also on Nov. 16, the council approved a land sale of 4.4 acres and gained a new residence in its

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Group concerned about city's dying trees

By Matt Heilman

During the Nov. 2 Bel Aire City Council meeting, council member Carolyn Marlier took a moment to thank volunteers in the city whose work isn't always publicly recognized. Among the group she mentioned was the Bel Aire Tree Board, a key contributor to the beautification of Bel Aire.

Earlier in the meeting, Guy McDonald of the tree board addressed the council with a concern in Bel Aire. The board had recently counted about 150 pine trees that were dead or dying.

While the tree board can't say for sure, the problem could be pine wilt disease. In a power point presentation for the council, McDonald explained in detail how the disease begins and how it spreads.

Basically, an insect called the pine sawyer beetle, infected with worm-like nematodes, emerges from dead pine trees and deposits the nematodes in healthy pine trees while feeding on pine needles. As nematodes feed and multiply in resin canals of healthy pines, they gradually kill the trees.

To prevent the spread of the disease, McDonald recommended cutting down the dead trees before spring weather hits, and chipping, burning or burying the wood from infected trees.

In a city that prides itself on its beautification efforts, the council requested that information on pine wilt disease discussed in McDonald's presentation be available on the city's website www.belaireks.org and on the local cable Channel 7.



Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

Property taxes must be used to pay debt on city land

The city is in good financial condition except for the land debt. We have reduced city expenses and we continue to seek further reductions without major cuts in city services.

My main concern has been the city's long-term ability to make the required land payments. To address that issue I completed a projection on land sales and land payments over the 25-year term of the land loan. I also wanted to see what the cost will be to taxpayers.

The study shows that the city will be able to make the land payments if land sales meet the projections used in this study and if future councils maintain a 15-mill levy for land payments until the loan is paid off.

It will be necessary to support land payments with money from real estate taxes. In 2011, we have dedicated 9 mills for this purpose. This will need to increase to 12 mills in 2012 and to 15 mills from 2013 to 2035. (To owners of a \$100,000 house, 1 mill adds \$11.50 to their annual real estate taxes.) Without this support from the real estate tax, there will need to be major cuts in city services. My perception is that more people would prefer higher taxes than less city services.

In this study, the cost to taxpayers (the mill levy) was spread evenly over the 25-year term of the loan. I wanted to avoid coming up to a payment date and discovering that a much higher mill levy will be needed or that it will be necessary to again refinance the loan. Each time we refinance, the amount of debt goes up as interest and the cost to refinance is added to the loan balance.

The most difficult part of my study was to estimate land sales. I tried to be conservative in my projections. If we do better, we could pay off the loan in less than 25 years. If we do worse, it will take longer. If the loan is not paid off at the end of 25 years, we may then be forced to refinance the balance of the debt. If it happens this way, we would refinance one more time and we can make the payments on the new loan by continuing the 15-mill levy beyond the original term of the loan.

With the current economic conditions, we need to work even harder on selling land. Increased land sales means higher prices per acre. Just selling more land at a lower price does not increase land sales in the long term. We could run out of land before the loan is paid off. Earlier sales will, however, be helpful. Each reduction in the loan balance will lower the interest payment in all future years. At this time we are trying to identify the best people available to advise us on marketing land.

I was greatly encouraged when my projections showed that it is possible for the city to pay off the land debt and that the cost to taxpayers should not exceed 15 mills each year.

Theme park's sad tale is ongoing

We're glad it's over, but it was bittersweet to see all the Wild West World property on the auction block Nov. 6. When the park opened in May 2007, it presented a potential boost to north Sedgwick County, especially Park City.

The community, whose leaders supported the theme park and counted on an economic boost from Wild West World, was left with a black eye when mismanagement and poor planning caused the park's demise two months after the gates opened.

From the get-go, something about Wild West World just didn't feel right. Installing used rides similar to what you'd see at a small-town festival and adopting a clichéd theme that wasn't embraced by the people in the area didn't bode well for the park's attendance.

There wasn't enough in place to reasonably expect many visitors from outside the area.

The site near 77th North off I-135 could have been a great spot for a family entertainment venue. It really is a shame it didn't work out.

Park owner Thomas Etheredge's dishonesty with investors led to a five-year prison sentence handed down in April. We're hopeful Etheredge is sorry for his actions and not just sorry he got caught.

We're told the park's current owners out of Florida have plans to tear up concrete and level the former park to make way for an unspecified project.

Adjacent to Wild West World, the Wyandotte tribe out of Oklahoma has owned 10 and one-half acres since 1992. With the land in trust,

the tribe wants to build a casino.

If the casino gets built, it's possible the former theme park property could be used for amenities to the casino, such as parking.

Regardless of what happens with the Wild West World property and adjacent Wyandotte land, we're hoping that something positive and well thought out brightens the dark cloud that hangs over the remnants of an unprepared businessman's dream turned nightmare.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Extreme measures keep city afloat

With reference to "A Tale of Two Cities" in the November issue of the Breeze, Mark Shelly takes credit for the bright future of Bel Aire by being part of the council that put its citizens in debt after purchasing farmland at \$9,500 per acre and signing a contract for the water and sewer services that lacked the capacity to supply our needs.

Individual LLCs were established in order to exceed the valuation-to-debt ratio allowed by the state. The councils elected since 2005 have had to find ways to pay the huge debt incurred between

2001 and 2005. This has been accomplished by increasing our water bills, sewer bills and taxes every year.

Some of the land has been sold, which has paid the interest on the original debt. When a payment of \$1 million plus is due and there is no money to pay it, you can call it a "fire sale," but the bottom line is "pay the bill." The city lost money on the land sale to USD 259, but the potential is worth it.

I wonder if Mr. Shelly has counted the number of existing homes that are for sale in Bel Aire and how long they have been on the market. The water bills are far from being under control. I do not believe \$40 million of debt is the next level for

our 2,500 households. I can only hope the future is as bright as Mr. Shelly believes.

I have been a resident of Bel Aire since before its incorporation and do not want to live anywhere else. I believe things would have been better had the economy not tanked, but when we went into the downturn with three times the allotted debt-to-valuation ratio, extreme measures had to be taken to carry us through.

I thank the city council for making the tough decisions required to keep the city afloat. I find it ironic that most of the council members who voted for these wonderful purchases never stood for re-election.

— Bill Moss, Bel Aire

Nice to start with hope

Congratulations to Rick Wheeler and the Heights High School football team for its impressive championship season.

The Falcons won the Class 6A title Nov. 27, handling Olathe North 48-14. It was Heights' first state football championship and the City League's first since Kapoun won a Class 5A title in 1987.

Wheeler deserves this one. He has worked hard and sacrificed a lot to get the program where it is today.

In his 12 seasons, Wheeler has had just one losing campaign and Heights has been to the playoffs six times. It's a testament to consistency, commitment and hard work.

In a program like Heights, you aren't going to win a state title every year, but at least you start each season with the realistic hope that you can.

Bishop Carroll, meanwhile, didn't look very good in its Class 5A title game loss to Blue Valley.

I've seen Carroll dominate some mediocre teams and I've seen Carroll roll over decent ones.

Out of the office

By Chris Strunk

This weekend, the Golden Eagles looked average at best.

I have to say I wasn't too heartbroken about the loss.

But, like Heights, it must be nice to have lofty goals every year.

I think my friend Chris Way, who lives in Bel Aire, takes the prize this year for being the earliest to hang Christmas lights. He said lights on his house were up by the second weekend of November.

I may put out a few exterior decorations this year, but I'm leaning toward no lights. Bah hum bug, right?

I like the Christmas season. I just don't care for all the hard work that goes into something that



lasts for just a few weeks.

Butch Nulph passed away Nov. 12. I didn't know Butch well, but always had pleasant conversations with him when we'd cross paths downtown. He often told me about his latest yard job before asking whether I needed anything done at the office or my home.

He hadn't been around town during the past several months because he was in Florida, where his mother lives.

Butch will be missed.

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Sunrise

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While his goal to play college football is over, Roberts hasn't ruled out the chance to compete for his school again. "Hopefully, depending on how it goes, I might be able to do track," he said.

Looking toward life after high school, Roberts said he's considering attending the University of Kansas. Lawrence is about 15 minutes from McLouth and Roberts received a promising offer.

At an early November KU football game against Colorado, Roberts said he was approached by KU basketball coach Bill Self and invited to

join the basketball team as a manager.

Roberts said he's been working with his school's guidance counselor to set up his college plans. In his career, the senior said he'd like to become a coach or a prosthetic doctor.

In the meantime, the support keeps coming for Roberts. On Oct. 8, about one week after having his leg amputated, Roberts made his way back to school in time to be crowned McLouth's homecoming king.

Roberts said Oct. 8 was his first time back at school since his injury. As he made his way into the stadium, he received a standing ovation.

"I guess it was like a double homecoming," he said.

Roberts described his situation as "rough" for his whole family, but was appreciative of the support from McLouth, league rivals and Sunrise.

On Nov. 13, Sunrise seniors Kip Wedel and Kayla Beckham organized a fundraising walk at their school, where participants released purple and gold balloons. Purple and gold are McLouth's school colors.

Participants walked a mile around Sunrise's campus. A few volunteers had sponsors who donated a certain amount of money per mile walked.

To further reach out to Roberts, Sunrise was adopted by the Wichita car dealership Davis Moore as part of the company's Adopt a School



Matt Heilman

Participants at Sunrise Christian Academy gather near the starting line of the Nov. 13 fundraising walk for McLouth High School senior Trevor Roberts. Roberts broke a leg during a Sept. 24 football game at Sunrise and ultimately had to have part of his left leg amputated.

program.

Through the program, Sunrise volunteers were selling raffle tickets for \$10 each for the chance to win a new vehicle from Davis Moore. The deadline to buy tickets is Dec. 10.

The drawing is scheduled for Dec. 22.

Beckham said she and Wedel originally had plans to organize a November walk to help get fresh water to people in the African nation of Zambia. However, the subject of the fundraiser changed when they heard Roberts' leg was amputated.

"It was kind of cool,

because five minutes after we heard the announcement in chapel about Trevor's leg, we saw each other and we both had the same idea to make the Zambia walk for Trevor," Beckham said. "It's just weird, because I've been going (to Sunrise) since third grade and so, all these football players that I've grown up with, it could have been them."

Beckham and Wedel said they plan to have the fundraiser for Zambia in the spring.

Humerickhouse said he was informed of Sunrise's walk for Roberts several weeks before Nov. 13.

Besides the walk, he said

Run collects 86 toys for charity

On Oct. 30, about 50 volunteers gathered at Sunrise Christian Academy and rode bicycles to Bel Aire City Hall with toys either tied to their bikes or carried in backpacks.

Sunrise senior Jessica Keely organized the bicycle toy run.

Keely, 17, said 86 toys were collected and donated to His Helping Hands, a Christian charity Keely is involved in through her church, Central Christian Church in northeast Wichita.

Toys collected in the two-mile bicycle toy run were loaded into a truck supplied by the local charity.

Keely had Christmas in mind with the toy run. She said she planned the event in late October to complete the charitable effort while temperatures were comfortable enough for taking a bike ride.

Keely will graduate from Sunrise in May.

— Matt Heilman

Sunrise gave Roberts a care package while he was at a Wichita hospital the day after breaking his leg and going through his first surgery.

"We greatly appreciate Sunrise Academy and the things they've done," Humerickhouse said.

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tax base. Property owner Paul Cheatum has about 10 acres at 5212 N. Rock Road. About 60 acres directly north of his property, just east of Rock, is platted for development by Bel Aire.

Cheatum is not within the city limits of Bel Aire, but the additional 4.4 acres he wants to purchase is part of the 60 acres owned by the city. The council agreed to sell the 4.4 acres to Cheatum for \$46,200. They also accepted an annexation agreement, incorporating all of Cheatum's property into Bel

Aire's limits.

It's unclear what Cheatum plans to do with the additional 4.4 acres. He wasn't at the Nov. 16 council meeting. Along with the land sale and annexation agreement, the council agreed to accept a stormwater easement on the sold 4.4 acres.

Also at the Nov. 16 meeting, the council:

- Heard Lasher describe a few grant opportunities in Bel Aire. The city is one of 10 finalists in the running to receive a \$10,000 grant from KaBoom for new playground equipment. To help Bel Aire win the grant, residents can visit the city's website, www.belaireks.org, and click on the KaBoom link to vote for the city. KaBoom is a non-profit organization that designated Bel Aire as a playful city earlier this year. Another grant opportunity, avail-

able with the Kansas Department of Transportation, would help Bel Aire pay to construct a railroad spur in the city's proposed industrial park along 53rd North between Greenwich and Webb. Lasher said he planned to visit Topeka Nov. 19 to request the grant. He said a grant with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to build a walking path between the Central Park development and the new USD 259 K-8 school was also being considered.

- Approved a resolution concerning service license and permit fees. Recommended changes include lowering the cost of dog tags and increasing court costs from \$60 to \$80. Lasher also discussed a recommendation for the rec center, charging fees for non-residents.

- Adopted the revised Economic Development Policy for Bel Aire. Part of the revised policy is meant to hold developers accountable for paying specials to the city.



City of **Bel Aire**

**The City of Bel Aire
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Brick Project**

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City of Bel Aire
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Bel Aire, KS 67226

December

12/1—Chamber of Commerce, 12 p.m.

12/1—Municipal Court, 7 p.m.

12/7—City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

12/9—Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

12/14—Water Board, 2:30 p.m.

12/16—Municipal Court, 12:30 p.m.

12/21—City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

12/22—Bel Aire Lion's Club, 12 p.m.

12/27—Tree Board, 7 p.m.

12/28—Economic Development Board, 7 p.m.

NOTES FROM CITY HALL

30th Anniversary Brick Project

This year marks Bel Aire's 30th Anniversary as an incorporated city. In honor of this special period in our history, the City of Bel Aire will be coordinating a commemorative brick square near City Hall. Engraved bricks will be used in the square and citizens will have the opportunity to purchase bricks with personalized inscriptions. To purchase a brick fill out a

purchase form and send to:

City of Bel Aire
ATTN: Rebecca Meyer
7651 E. Central Park Ave.
Bel Aire, KS 67226
Or visit: <http://www.belaireks.gov/>
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New Utility Bill Format

The Utility Department will begin sending out bills in a new format starting in January 2011. Utility bills will be sent in full page

sealed letter format instead of the current postcard formatting. Do not discard any letters from the City without opening and reading the information.

Volunteers for City Boards

The City Council is always looking for citizens who want to impact the community by volunteering on one of the City Boards. Interested citizens should contact a member of the City Council or the Mayor.

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire

The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday *(Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.)*

Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

Sr. Walking Bridge Aerobics Wii time	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center Every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. By request or when the senior center is available.
Dec. 3, 9 a.m.	Special "Senior Breakfast & Learn" at the Senior Center - special speaker Bill Grosdidier with Medicare Advantage and a complimentary breakfast along with coffee and juice will be provided.
6 p.m.	Special offsite Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange at S=Louie's Grill and Barr, 9747 E. 21st North, Suite 101 in the banquet room. RSVP in advance to sr. director. Seating is limited. Meal and special drinks will be at your expense.
Dec. 5, 2 p.m.	City of Bel Aire's 30th Anniversary celebration and party in the Community Room at City Hall.
8 p.m.	Private Christmas light tour on a River City chartered trolley starting at the Sedgwick County extension office at 21st and Ridge Rd. Reserved seating (cost) in advance. Hot apple cider and gingerbread cookies will be provided.
Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.	Annual Senior Center holiday potluck dinner. Meat, drinks and plates will be provided. If your last name starts with A-G bring a large salad; H-O bring a large vegetable dish; P-Z bring a large dessert. Special holiday music and Christmas Carols are planned for the evening.
Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Bel Aire Lions Club Christmas Dinner. Visitors are always invited.
Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.	Free computer class for area seniors in the Senior Center by instructor Bryan Tracy. Topic will be buying on the internet. Come ask questions and get free advice.
Dec. 10, 9 a.m.	Special "Senior Breakfast & Learn and Tour" at the Cornerstone Mortuary located at 5318 E. 37th North (2 blocks east of Oliver on 37th) in their community room. Come meet their staff and briefly discuss pre-funeral needs and take a tour of their new facility.
7 p.m.	"Senior Fun Night" at the Senior Center. Bring your favorite board or card games along with some snacks or finger foods to share with others. Complimentary drinks are provided.
Dec. 13, 7 p.m.	Central Park HOA Meeting in the Senior Center.
Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	Senior Breakfast at Red Stone Grill at 53rd North and Broadway in Park City.
Dec. 22, 12 p.m.	Bel Aire Lions Club Lunch & Meeting in the Senior Center. Visitors are always invited.
Dec. 24	City Hall and Senior Center closed for the Christmas Holiday.
Dec. 27 & 28	Senior director out of the office.
Dec. 31	City Hall and Senior Center closed for the holiday.
Dec. 31, 7 p.m.	New Years Eve Party. All area seniors are asked to bring some finger food or snacks to share and your favorite card or board games. Complimentary cold and hot drinks will be provided.
<p>Senior Center Cookbooks on sale soon. Only \$9.50 a book. These books will be on sale soon with the best recipes from fellow seniors, family members and friends. Purchase one or more for a Christmas gift today.</p> <p>Stop by Senior Director's office or Sr. Center to get application for "30 year Celebration Brick Project". Applications and information will also be available on Nov. 1 at the monthly Potluck Dinner registration table. (Cost)</p>	

GOP wins seats on county commission

By Chris Strunk and Matt Heilman

The Republicans won the day in the Sedgwick County Commission races. Richard Ranzau won a first term, while Dave Unruh won a third. And Democratic incumbent Gwen Welshimer lost her bid for a second term to Republican Jim Skelton, a former Wichita City Council member. In District 4, which covers Valley Center, Maize, Park City and north Wichita, Ranzau defeated Oletha Faust-Goudeau 56 percent to 43 percent (12,236 to 9,462). Ranzau

will take office in January, replacing former Valley Center police chief Kelly Parks, who is stepping down after one four-year term. Ranzau said he was pleased with the result. “We’re very happy,” he said. “We put a lot of hard work and effort into it.” Ranzau attributed his success to having “the right message at the right time.” “My message all along has been fiscal conservatism, smaller government and lower taxes,” he said. Ranzau, a physician’s assistant who lives in the Valley Center school district, said he



Unruh

and his family. “We put a lot of work into it,” he said. Voters in Park City, Valley Center and Kechi precincts overwhelmingly supported

Ranzau. Faust-Goudeau, who lives in Wichita, said she wanted to bring her ideas for economic growth to the county level. She’ll return to the state senate instead. “Of course I’m disappointed,” she said. “But I want to thank everyone who believed in me and supported me and the people who voted for me. ... I had some great ideas. I’ll just have to move forward from the state level.” Faust-Goudeau said she worked hard during the campaign. “I don’t know what else I could’ve done,” she said. “It

was just the year for Republicans.” Faust-Goudeau had a suggestion for Ranzau. “I’m just hoping he can help move Sedgwick County forward,” she said. In District 1, Unruh defeated Arnold, 69 percent to 31 percent. The numbers stayed in Unruh’s favor most of the night. He had a watch party at House of Schwan Inc. in northeast Wichita, with “a lot of good friends who were excited and optimistic.” “I’m very honored to keep working for the county,” Unruh said.

He said voters recognized his message to maintain stability and a conservative approach to handling county issues. Although she didn’t win the seat, Arnold said she will continue serving the public as a member of the USD 259 school board. She said she was pleased with how her campaign was handled and congratulated Unruh for winning the election. “Both Dave and I dealt with issues,” Arnold said. “A choice was made and of course, Dave was hired. I’ll still be watching and I’ll still be involved.”

POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 14 — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.
Nov. 14 — Officer McCaslin responded to a vehicle accident at 45th North and Woodlawn.
Nov. 13 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Tekia D. Burnette on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 13 — Officer Steele arrested Hagna Fernandez-Hernandez on a charge of driving on a suspended license in the 5800 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 12 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow.
Nov. 12 — Officer Foxx arrested Andrew M. Olive on a charge of DUI in the 4200 block of North Woodlawn.
Nov. 11 — Detective Pentecost responded to a vehicle accident in the 4500 block of North Oliver.
Nov. 11 — Detective Pentecost arrested Stanley Mceachern on two Sedgwick County sheriff’s warrants in the 4500 block of North Oliver.
Nov. 11 — Officer Foxx responded to a trash dump in the 10500 block of East 53rd North.
Nov. 11 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Westlake.
Nov. 11 — Sgt. Griggs responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn.
Nov. 10 — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 6300 block of North Webb.
Nov. 10 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 5400 block of East 49th North.
Nov. 10 — Officer Swanson responded to an accident in the 4000 block of North Harding.
Nov. 10 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a suspicious person at 6410 N. Clarendon.
Nov. 10 — Officer Foxx assist a citizen in the 4900 block of Parkhurst.
Nov. 9 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 7800 block of East Turquoise Trail.
Nov. 9 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Rachelle D. Davison on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 9 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a burglary in the 5400 block of East 49th North.
Nov. 8 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Westlake.
Nov. 8 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Harding.
Nov. 8 — Officer Toomey arrested Joel C. Robles on a charge of DUI in the 6200 block of East Perryton.
Nov. 7 — Officer McGuire found property at 7651 E. Central Park.
Nov. 7 — Officer Brandewiede issued a citation on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 3800 block of North Oliver.
Nov. 7 — Officer Steele assisted the fire department in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.
Nov. 7 — Officer Toomey responded to the report of an offense against family and children in the 3800 block of North Oliver.
Nov. 6 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Tennica J. Tillis on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 6300 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 5 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of vandalism in the 4300 block of Country Lane.

Nov. 4 — Officer McGuire arrested Danica Baker on a City of Wichita bench warrant in the 3600 block of North Rock Road.
Nov. 4 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court.
Nov. 4 — Sgt. Griggs arrested Kayla Clayton on a Sedgwick County warrant in the 4900 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 3 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of larceny in the 5700 block of East Denise.
Nov. 3 — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of Lake Breeze Court.
Nov. 2 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 5700 block of East Perryton.
Nov. 1 — Officer McGuire assisted the sheriff’s office in the 400 block of North Oliver.
Nov. 1 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake.
Nov. 1 — Officer Hutton found property in the 7900 block of East 37th North.
Nov. 1 — Officer Steele assisted a citizen in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.
Nov. 1 — Officer Toomey assisted Wichita Police Department in the 2100 block of North Webb.
Oct. 30 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Angela Dawn Engles on a charge of DUI in the 5400 block of North Webb.
Oct. 30 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Clarendon.
Oct. 30 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 6200 block of East Woodlawn.
Oct. 30 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court.
Oct. 30 — Officer Steele issued parking citations in the 9400 block of East 45th North.
Oct. 29 — Sgt. Spencer responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4200 block of Eagle Lake.
Oct. 29 — Officer Hazelwood assisted the fire department in the 6900 block of East Odessa.
Oct. 29 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 29 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Glendale.
Oct. 29 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4400 block of

North Edgemoor.
Oct. 29 — Officer Foxx arrested Ricardo J. Bell on a charge of transporting an open container of alcohol in the 5600 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 28 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.
Oct. 28 — Officer McGuire arrested Aaron Corral on a City of Wichita bench warrant in the 6400 block East Rodeo.
Oct. 28 — Officer Hazelwood responded to the report of a larceny in the 4000 block of North Oliver.
Oct. 28 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn Court.
Oct. 28 — Officer Foxx took a report of a found animal at 7651 E. Central Park.
Oct. 27 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.
Oct. 27 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jesus A. Quintero on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.
Oct. 27 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a vehicle accident at 37th North and Hillcrest.
Oct. 27 — Officer McCaslin took the report of a runaway in the 4100 block of North Edinburg.
Oct. 26 — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edgemoor.
Oct. 26 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Krueger.
Oct. 25 — Officer McGuire assist Wichita Police Department in the 3400 block of North Rock Road.
Oct. 25 — Officer McGuire took a report of lost property in the 6700 block of East Perryton.
Oct. 25 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court.
Oct. 25 — Detective Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6700 block of East Perryton.
Oct. 24 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Farmstead.
Oct. 24 — Officer Swanson assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4000 block of North Oliver.
Oct. 23 — Officer McGuire assisted a citizen in the 5900 block of East 41st North.
Oct. 23 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4600 block of Farmstead Court.
Oct. 23 — Officer Steele checked the welfare of a person in

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Oct. 23 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 4400 block of Gunison.
Oct. 22 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a simple assault in the 6300 block of East Danbury.
Oct. 22 — Officer McGuire assisted a citizen in the 5000 block of North 143rd East.
Oct. 22 — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 6700 block of East 45th North.
Oct. 22 — Officer Steele issued a traffic citation at 5200 N. Woodlawn.
Oct. 22 — Officer Foxx issued a traffic citation at 4500 N. Woodlawn.
Oct. 22 — Officers Foxx and Steele assisted Wichita Police Department at 3741 N. Rock Road.
Oct. 21 — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4600 block of North Farmstead.
Oct. 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a trash dump in the 9700 block of East 53rd North.
Oct. 20 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jared W. Dlador on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4800 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 20 — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow.
Oct. 20 — Officer Brandewiede attempted to arrest a suspect on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The suspect is at-large.
Oct. 20 — Lt. Enterkin responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.
Oct. 20 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4600 block of Farmstead Court.
Oct. 19 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Carlos S. Shaw on a

charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 19 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Derek R. Hicks on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 19 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Wichita Police Department in the 5500 block of East 37th North. Carlos S. Shaw was arrested on two City of Wichita warrants.
Oct. 19 — Officer Brandewiede took the report of lost property at 7651 E. Central Park.
Oct. 19 — Officer Hutton found property in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn.
Oct. 19 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court.
Oct. 18 — Officer McGuire assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at 4600 E. K-254.
Oct. 18 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Eboni D. Adams on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 17 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of North Rock Road.
Oct. 17 — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of a simple assault in the 4800 block of East 37th North.
Oct. 17 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest.
Oct. 17 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a larceny in the 9300 block of East 53rd North.
Oct. 17 — Officer Toomey responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 5700 block of East Hanover.
Oct. 16 — Officer McGuire arrested Sean Garrison on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. Garrison was also arrested on a

Sedgwick County warrant.
Oct. 16 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake.
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‘Everything’ sold at Wild West World

Auction clears way for future development

By Matt Heilman

Everything had to go and just about everything did. What remained of defunct Wild West World was sold at a public auction Nov. 6 at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Heating and air conditioning units and electrical hookups, including transformers, from the failed park were up for bid Oct. 2, but the real liquidation took place Nov. 6 when 31 buildings, trees, fencing and the big cowboy sign were sold to the highest bidders.

Arthur Gordon LLC, the Florida investment group that bought Wild West World, held the sale. The auctioneer was Eric Malone, owner of Malone and Associates, a Wichita-based company that specializes in real estate auctions.

“We have never done 31 free-standing buildings in the same auction,” Malone said.

The well-attended auction left standing room only at the Sleep Inn Nov. 6.

In traditional auction fashion, Malone had a quick tongue calling out bids and marketing the merchandise.

Looking over the crowd, three of Malone’s employees kept an eye out for bids.

“Yep,” a Malone and Associates representative would yell when a bid was made.

The auction was also streamed live for online bidders.

A couple more of Malone’s employees were stationed at desks with laptops to monitor potential buyers who bid from the comfort of their own homes.

Live and online bidders took full advantage of significant discounts.

Several small buildings from about 150 square feet to near 600 square feet were sold for less than \$1,000.

The first item on the auction block was the Red River BBQ building, a Wick steel, 3,400-square-foot structure that sold for \$2,100.

Rick Regan, who invested a lot of time and effort in the creation of Wild West World, called the prices of the auc-



Photos by Matt Heilman

The Prairie Plunge at Wild West World never opened. The 170-square-foot shed sold on Nov. 6 for \$650.



Auction goers listen to Eric Malone (background) discuss a piece of property on the auction block while another Malone and Associates representative watches for bids at the Nov. 6 Wild West World auction.

tioned items “unbelievable.”

Regan worked for more than two years as the park’s creative director, hired by former Wild West World owner Thomas Etheredge.

Regan was responsible for creating the park’s color

schemes and design, as well as murals and decorations throughout the park.

Among his creations were the carved buffalo heads mounted in the Johnny Western Theater, the crown jewel of the Nov. 6 auction.

The theater boasts a main floor that encompasses 20,730 square feet and includes “a lot of factory bells and whistles,” Malone said.

Regan said the theater cost about \$300,000 to build. It was sold for \$40,000,

less than the cost for the building’s sprinkler system, Malone said.

“That theater is a state-of-the-art theater,” Regan said.

Another building that Regan mentioned was the park’s Coldstone Creamery store, which sold for \$2,100.

Regan said Coldstone Creamery spent \$250,000 to bring a store to Wild West World.

Most of the buildings sold at the auction will be taken apart and moved piece by piece. Malone said the company available to help deconstruct and transport the buildings could have everything moved out of the park by February.

Moving costs were not included in the bids. Among the crowd to take advantage of the Wild West World liquidation was businessman and Hartman Arena owner Wink Hartman.

Hartman bought two sections of the park’s Main Street and the 910-square-foot Texas Jack’s pizza building.

Wild West World owners plan to tear out concrete, leveling the site for a future project, Malone said. It’s unclear if the unspecified project is related to development plans of the Wyandotte Nation

of Oklahoma.

The park is next to the land held in trust by the Wyandotte tribe, which wants to build a casino on 10 and a half acres they’ve owned in Park City since 1992.

Currently, progress on the casino is held up in federal court. Whatever becomes of the former theme park, Regan said he had mixed feelings about seeing all of the Wild West World property sold.

“So many people worked so hard to make this place happen,” Regan said. “We just came to work and the gates were locked.”

Regan said he and fellow Etheredge employees were caught off guard by the park’s closing.

“None of us had a clue,” he said. “We came to work at the same time (Etheredge) drove up in a brand new truck to lock the gates.”

Wild West World opened in May 2007, but closed just two months later as Etheredge declared bankruptcy.

In February, Etheredge was found guilty of seven counts of securities fraud for misleading Wild West World investors. In April, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship and 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord’s Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from pre-school through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribbs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (south of WSU main entrance).

Rev. Dr. Monte Gravenstein, interim minister, leads Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study begins at 9:30. Children’s church and nursery are at 10:30. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship

is 7 p.m. Wednesday. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Free coffee and donuts are available from 5:30 to 9 a.m. Thursdays.

Christmas Party is 4 p.m. Dec. 11. Potluck dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the movie “Santa Claus” following.

Senior Day is 10 a.m. Dec. 7.

Visit the church online at Greenwichsumc.org.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is www.kechiumc.org and its e-mail address is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

On Dec. 19, both services will experience “Lessons and Carols” Part I.

Dec. 24 services will be at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Candlelight services. Both services will experience “Lessons and Carols” Part II.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children’s church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park

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Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

True Life Church

True Life Church meets at Circle Greenwich Elementary (just north of K-96 on Greenwich Road). Coffee, juice and donuts are served early Sundays. There are activities with the TLC Kids Zone from children from birth through fifth grade. True Life Church has gospel-centered contemporary music and biblical messages delivered by Norm Duncan.

For more information, call 978-9292 or visit www.experienceTLC.com.

University United Methodist Church

Located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

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'I really enjoy teaching'

Heights basketball standout volunteers at rec center

By Matt Heilman

In November, Wichita Heights senior basketball standout Jhasmine Bowen signed a letter of intent to play NCAA Division I basketball at the University of Arkansas. One of the leaders on one of the premier teams in the state got a relatively late start to the game.

"I started really late," Bowen said. "My mom didn't let me play basketball because she wanted me to get my grades. In seventh grade, I tried out for my middle school team and I made it and I've been playing ever since."

This winter, in addition to looking to end her Heights playing career with a state championship, Bowen is taking the time to volunteer, coaching a group that is getting an earlier start on the game. She coaches a team of third-grade girls at the Bel Aire rec center.

Bowen said she has a passion for coaching and might like to pursue it as a career after her playing days are over.

"I really enjoy teaching young girls how to play basketball, and even little boys," Bowen said. "Showing the kids the fundamentals of the game and how to get better."

Nine-year-old Regan Carlson of Wichita is one of Bowen's players in Bel Aire's rec league. During the pre-game warmup before her game Nov. 20, Carlson shared what her team has learned from Bowen.

She said the team runs the motion drill to get open on offense and is vocal on defense to disrupt opponents. Carlson said she's also learn-



Heights High School senior Jhasmine Brown talks to her team of third-graders before a Nov. 20 game at the Bel Aire rec center.

Matt Heilman

ing proper shooting techniques from Bowen, including how to convert layups by hitting a corner of the painted square on the backboard.

Bowen said she became acquainted with the staff at the Bel Aire rec center and got into coaching through off-season training with basketball instructor Brent Atwater. Atwater, a Bel Aire resident, is a former college basketball player who uses the rec center for his year-round basketball instruction. He has worked with some of the Wichita

area's best young talent, but doesn't limit his instruction to potential college players.

In addition to coaching at the rec center, Bowen said she helped Atwater coach a summer team.

Although she has limited free time during basketball

season, Bowen said she enjoys teaching the game, while trying to prepare for a state championship run and transition to college ball.

"The volunteer hours are great and the girls are great," she said.

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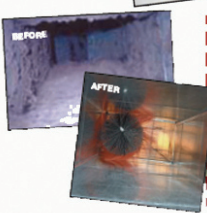
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